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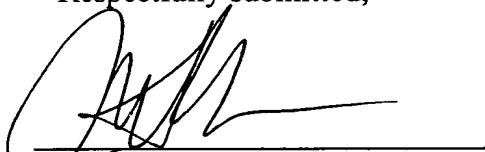
Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of July 9, 2004 and in particular to the restriction requirement therein.

Pursuant thereto, applicant elects the invention of Group I inclusive of claims 1-11. The election is made without traverse.

However, claims 12 and 18 have been amended so that they are dependent from claim 1. Thereby, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions designated by II and III respectively inclusive of claims 12-17 and 18-21 are examinable in this application along with the claims of Group I.

In any event, applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected inventions while the present application is still pending.

Respectfully submitted,



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